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LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: Communications Between the Staffs of Underwriters Laboratories (UL) and CPSC on Technical Matters.

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SUMMARY:

The participants from UL and CPSC discussed ways to improve technical interaction between the two staffs in light of a recent article in the *New York Times* (Dec. 24, 1995). It was agreed that UL would submit to CPSC a proposal to activate a "Technical Advisory Panel" (TAP), a method by which CPSC staff and other interested parties can be directly involved in the development of UL standards of interest to CPSC. The scope of the proposed TAP is likely to be multi-topical. The panel would be an open invitation to all interested outside parties to provide input into the process. The TAP would likely convene on some regular basis.

Mr. Medford indicated to UL that he has high expectations for a more meaningful role for CPSC staff in the UL standards development process and will continue to watch developments in this area.